
ANNUAL REPORT OF THE PACIFIC ADVISORY GROUP

1. Purpose of report

To report on the achievements and milestones of the Pacific Advisory Group (PAG) for the 2012 – 2013 year and to state the intentions of the group for 2014.

2. Executive summary

The Pacific Advisory Group has produced their Annual Report covering the period July 2012 to June 2013 and this is attached as appendix one. It has also recommended that Council develop a guide to inform how Council engages with Pacific communities.

3. Recommendations

Officers recommend that the Strategy and Policy Committee:

- 1. Receive the information.*
- 2. Note the achievements and milestones of the Pacific Advisory Group for the period July 2012 to June 2013.*
- 3. Agree to the Pacific Advisory Group's recommendation that Council develop a guide to support Council and officers in their engagement with and service activities to Pacific communities.*

4. Background

The Pacific Advisory Group (PAG) was established, under a set of terms of reference, to strengthen the relationship between the Council and Pacific people from Wellington's seven main Pacific nations (Samoa, Cook Islands, Tonga, Fiji, Niue, Tokelau and Tuvalu).

Under the Terms of Reference, representative members are selected by each Pacific nation group through an election process.

The purpose of PAG is to:

- Represent Pacific people's views, and provide feedback and advice to Council business units, on the Council's strategy/policy development, planning, and service delivery activities, as and when required
- Ensure Pacific people's opinions are represented in Council
- Ensure that Council understands the specific needs of Pacific people (and different nation groups) and how these can best be addressed.

5. Discussion

The Annual Report is attached as appendix one. It contains details of the achievements and milestones of PAG during the period of July 2012 to June 2013. It details the advice, feedback and support provided to Council on a wide range of topics.

PAG has recommended that Council develop a guide to improve Council's cultural responsiveness to Pacific communities. It will identify appropriate steps officers should take when seeking to engage and/or provide services to different communities. This will support Council and our business units to understand the specific needs of Pacific communities and ensure these are incorporated into how we develop policy and plan activities.

Officers support the development of this guide. It is proposed that this would be funded from within existing resources and be proactively promoted to business units during the implementation of Council's Engagement Policy.

6. Conclusion

This report provides a summary of the work and activities of PAG for the 2012–2013 year and includes a recommendation to develop a guide to working with Pacific communities.

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SUPPORTING INFORMATION

1) Strategic fit / Strategic outcome

This activity is consistent with the outcomes of Councils Governance Strategy.

2) LTP/Annual Plan reference and long term financial impact

The Pacific Advisory Group is managed through existing budgets.

3) Treaty of Waitangi considerations

There are no Treaty of Waitangi considerations for this report.

4) Decision-making

The report seeks a decision for the development of a Plan/Guide/ to support Council and Councils Business Units in their engagement and service activities in Pacific communities.

5) Consultation

a) General consultation

No general consultation has been undertaken for this report. The Pacific Advisory Group are elected representatives from their respective communities.

b) Consultation with Maori

No consultation with Māori has been undertaken for this report.

6) Legal implications

There are no legal implications from this report.

7) Consistency with existing policy

The activities and recommendations of the Pacific Advisory Group are consistent with existing policy and support ongoing policy development.